

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 12, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

- - FIG. 9 illustrates an embodiment of a turbocharger 64 of this invention  
5 comprising, moving from right to left, a ~~turbocharger~~turbine housing 66 comprising a turbine wheel or turbine 68 rotatably disposed therein and mounted to an end of a shaft 70 that is disposed through a center housing 72. A backing plate 74 is interposed between the center housing 72 and a compressor housing 76. A dual compressor 78 is rotatably disposed within the  
10 compressor housing, is mounted to an opposite end of the shaft 70, and is configured having a back to back oriented impeller faces 80 and 82. The compressor 78, for this and all turbocharger embodiments of the invention, can be configured so that the shaft 70 extends completely or only partially therethrough. Additionally, the compressor can be configured in the form of a  
15 single part, e.g., as illustrated, or may comprise an assembly or more than one part. - -

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 13, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

20 - - In this particular embodiment, the annular member ~~442~~100 has a mushroom-shaped profile with rounded end sections that are configured to minimize the transition of pressurized air moving from the compressor to the

volute, thereby operating to minimize unwanted aerodynamic effects within the compressor housing. - -

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 16, line 26 with the

5 following amended paragraph:

- - The invention embodiment illustrated in FIG 12 includes a biasing mechanism 154 for biasing the annular member 136 in a particular position within the cavity 142. In a preferred embodiment, the biasing mechanism ~~436~~ 154 can be in the form of one or more springs 156 that are interposed between  
10 the annular member 136 and the cavity 142 to cause the annular member to be biased outwardly from the cavity towards the nozzle inner wall 146. In a preferred embodiment, the annular member comprises a number of springs that are positioned equidistantly therearound to provide a desired biasing effect within the turbocharger. - -

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Please replace the paragraph starting at page 17, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

- - FIG. 13 illustrates an embodiment of a turbocharger 160 of this invention comprising the same general components noted above for the embodiment  
20 illustrated in FIG. 12 . This particular embodiment comprises an annular member 162 that is different from that disclosed and illustrated in FIG. 12 in that it does not include a head portion having a lip that forms part of the volute.

Rather, it includes a head portion with a surface 164 with edge portions that are shaped to blend with adjacent surface features of the outer nozzle wall 140 and a volute lip 166. Additionally, the annular member limiting means of this embodiment is different in that the annular member is configured having a pin

5    168 that cooperates within a slot 170 formed in a wall portion of the cavity 142. -

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